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In re Application of:

Ting Tao, et al

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Examiner: Betelhem Shewareged

Sir:

RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed 1/31/2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application for the following reasons.

No amendments are presented with this response.

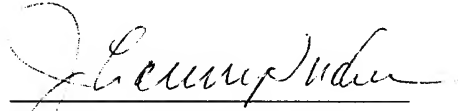
Double-Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-10 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over: (1) Claims 1, 3, and 5-7 of commonly assigned U.S. Patent 7,049,047 (Tenaglia et al.); and (2) Claims 1 and 13 of commonly owned U.S. Patent 6,939,663 (Tao et al.).

While both of these double patenting rejections are traversed on the merits, in order to expedite prosecution to allowance of this application, a Terminal Disclaimer is being submitted with this response to overcome both rejections. Thus, each double patenting rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested. A prompt and favorable action by the examiner is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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